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OF THE
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Town Officers

OFFICERS BIENNIALY ELECTED

Moderator,

HENRY L. BURBECK.

Representative to General Court,

HAYFORD BATTLES.

Supervisors of Check List,

IRA M. DOWNING,

WILLIAM M. STEVENS.

CHARLES H. HOYT,

OFFICERS ANNUALLY ELECTED

Town Clerk,

HAYFORD BATTLES.

Selectmen,

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,

ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,

SAMUEL GOULD,

Treasurer,

JOHN E. HAYFORD.

Tax Collector,

DAVID F. WILDER.

Auditors,

IRVING M. HEATH,

BENJ. F. AUSTIN.

Trustees of Public Library,

DAVID F. WILDER,

JOHN F. GERMUNDSON.

ELMER H. KELLEY,

Constable,

LEWIS E. BAILEY

Board of Education,

MABEL A. BARTLETT,

ELMER E. BUTLER.

OSCAR E. HUSE,

Board of Health,

JOHN F. AXTELL

CHARLES DART.

ELMORE C. DARBE,

Tree Warden,

EDWARD HAYFORD.

Town Warrant

[SEAL] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditors, Road Commissioners, Trustees of Public Library, Constables, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Health Officers, Fence Viewers, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, for the support and maintenance of the Public Library, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25 for Memorial Day purposes.

4. To hear the reports of the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen to the Town Auditors, the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to repair the interior of the Town Hall.

7. To see if the town will vote to establish a price for the use of the Town Hall.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the extermination of the Gypsy and Brown-tail moths.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise extra highway money to receive State aid and for maintenance.

10. To see if the town will vote to extend the street lighting system by placing two lights on the street known as "Heath Street," in said town, one lamp to be near the residence of Charles Dart and one lamp to be near the residence of Frank B. Currier, and if so voted to make the necessary appropriations therefor.

11. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine and make appropriation for the same.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise money to improve the Old Town Cemetery.

13. To see if the town will vote to extend its lighting system by placing six lights over and on the streets known as the "Chase road" and "Pond Road" in said town, said lights to be located by the lighting committee, the last light to be located near the residence of Sumner Hoyt, and make the necessary appropriations therefor.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February,
A. D. 1915.

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,
SAMUEL GOULD,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
Selectmen of Newton.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,
SAMUEL GOULD,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
Selectmen of Newton.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION ON APRIL 1, 1914.

RESIDENT

Land and buildings	\$283,530 00
Horses, 119	9,920 00
Cows, 116	5,765 00
Neat stock, 6	205 00
Sheep, 6	24 00
Fowls, 912	912 00
Portable mill, 1	300 00
Automobiles and carriages	18,925 00
Stock in trade	10,900 00
Machinery	3,550 00
Wood and lumber	1,925 00
Money at interest	2,900 00

\$338,856 00

NON-RESIDENT

Land and buildings	\$121,175 00
Stock in trade	12,750 00
Machinery	10,500 00
Horses, 13	1,700 00
Cows, 19	410 00
Carriages	100 00
Hogs, 600	7,200 00
Power boats	275 00
Wood and lumber	9,250 00

\$163,360 00

Total Valuation \$502,216 00

260 polls

Valuation of Soldiers' property exempted, 11,615 00

APPROPRIATIONS, 1914

Town charges	\$1,000 00
Public Library	200 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Brown tail and gypsy moths	150 00

Extra money for state highway	\$248 50
Maintenance of state highway	90 00
Highway money	1,255 54
State tax	864 00
County tax	764 57
Electric light for streets	1,500 00
Wiring Town Hall and Library	300 00
School money by law	810 00
Extra school money	700 00
Medical examiner	50 00
Salaries of School officers	80 00
Steam heater for school buildings.....	400 00
Percentage	318 73
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Committed to Collector	\$8,756 34
260 polls	520 00
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Tax assessed on property	\$8,236 34
Rate \$1.64 on \$100.	
Valuation of Fire District	\$145,060 00
Taxes committed to Collector	159 56
Rate 11 cents on \$100.	
MONEY RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN	
From state highway for 1913	\$317 33
State highway maintenance, 1913	68 75
Albert Webster, over-drawn on County	1 00
County, 1913-1914	615 04
John E. Fowler, pool table license.....	10 00
Railroad tax	462 18
Savings bank tax	38 40
Literary fund	95 70
Proportion of school fund	270 00
Insurance dividend	2 00
Fogg fund	3 00
Lewis fund	1 50
G. S. Rowe, fine in Ryan case	10 00
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	\$1,894 96

Expenditures

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

School money by law.....	\$810 00
Extra school money.....	700 00
Medical examiner.....	50 00
Salaries of school officers.....	80 00
Steam heater for school building.....	400 00
Unexpended dog licenses.....	176 60
Literary fund.....	95 70
Proportion of school fund.....	270 00
High School tuition.....	400 00
Text books and supplies.....	150 00
Flags and appurtenances.....	7 00

\$3,139 30

HIGHWAY AGENTS

Paid James L. Bartlett.....	\$226 80
J. E. Whidden.....	181 95
E. C. Darbe.....	130 07
Good Roads Machine Co., plough and culvert	44 40
Fred E. Morse, labor.....	1 40
A. D. Marden, labor on road machine	5 00
G. W. Sargent's Sons, bridge plank ...	10 13
Northeast Metal Culvert Co.	19 40
A. W. Sargent, bridge plank.....	3 75
Arthur E. Abbott, labor on road machine	2 00
Elmer E. Butler, covering stone	2 00

\$626 90

SNOW BILLS

1914-15.

Paid James L. Bartlett.....	\$26 00
J. E. Whidden.....	7 90
E. C. Darbe.....	2 50

1914.

Paid A. W. Sargent.....	\$5 00	
C. E. Steele.....	1 46	
A. S. Webster.....	4 00	
		<hr/> \$46 86

TOWN POOR

Paid County for board, Charles Currier.....	\$55 50	
G. S. Rowe, groceries for M. L. Bagley	4 00	
G. S. Rowe, groceries and wood for Jean Severn.....	65 27	
J. F. Axtell, medical aid and assistance to tramp.....	3 45	
E. G. Kelley, balance on burial Mrs. Thompson.....	20 00	
		<hr/> \$148 22

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid Enoch H. Nichols, Selectman.....	\$93 55	
Samuel Gould, Selectman.....	52 00	
Arthur E. Abbott, Selectman.....	53 00	
Hayford Battles, Town Clerk.....	40 00	
David F. Wilder, Collector.....	107 59	
John E. Hayford, Treasurer.....	40 00	
John G. Rowe, Supervisor, 1913-14.....	25 00	
Charles F. Quimby.....	17 50	
Elmore C. Darbe, 1913-14.....	20 00	
A. J. Sawyer, Moderator, 1913-14.....	20 00	
Everett M. Bartlett, Election Inspector	5 00	
George S. Smith, " "	2 50	
J. E. Whidden, " "	2 50	
J. F. Germundson " "	2 50	
Arthur A. Dow, " "	2 50	
Elmore C. Darbe, " "	2 50	
Lewis E. Bailey, Police.....	7 00	
J. W. Locke, Police.....	8 20	
John W. Watson, Police 1913-14.....	7 00	
George S. Rowe, Police.....	5 00	
Charles E. Thornell, Dog Officer.....	7 00	
		<hr/> \$520 34

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid D. F. Wilder.....	\$200 00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Paid C. R. Mudge Post.....	\$25 00
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TOWN HALL

Paid A. W. Sargent, wood.....	\$9 50
Murray & Dugdale, repairs furnace...	8 96
I. M. Heath, insurance.....	40 00
E. H. Nichols, wood.....	20 00
Wilder & Son, supplies.....	12 12
Sumner Hoyt.....	6 00
	<hr/> \$96 58

BOARD OF HEALTH

Scarlet Fever Cases

Paid Charles Dart, board of Urban Douglas	\$48 00
Dr. Leslie.....	5 00
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance and supplies to Helen Esterbrook.....	8 25
J. F. Axtell, fumigating Martin Fleming	4 00
Rowe's corner school house.....	2 50
J. E. Whidden.....	4 00
Charles Dart.....	1 50
Esterbrook.....	5 00
Dow and Hutchins.....	4 00
Charles Dart, fumigating lock-up.....	1 00
J. F. Axtell, expense to Concord with State Board of Health.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$88 25

FOREST FIRES

Paid A. W. Sargent on Kelley Bros.....	\$43 82
A. W. Sargent, Smith corner.....	12 33
A. W. Sargent, H. O. Durgin.....	2 60
	<hr/> \$58 75

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

ELLEN SMALL

Paid Newton Box Co., wood.....	\$9 00	
J. W. Locke, wood.....	11 63	
Sargent Coal Co., coal.....	15 75	
E. C. Darbe, 40 weeks' groceries.....	40 00	
E. C. Darbe, coal.....	17 24	
A. S. Webster, cash.....	2 00	
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance.....	30 00	
		<hr/> \$125 62

MRS. COTTON

Paid J. W. Locke, wood.....	\$6 50	
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance.....	8 00	
Newton Box Co., wood.....	4 00	
		<hr/> \$18 50

JOHN RANDALL

Paid E. C. Darbe, coal.....	\$17 50	
J. W. Locke, wood.....	3 25	
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance.....	39 00	
		<hr/> \$59 75

MRS. BEAN

Paid Sargent Coal Co., coal.....	\$8 00	
Newton Box Co., wood.....	5 50	
E. C. Darbe, coal.....	17 66	
J. W. Locke, wood.....	14 28	
Wilder & Son, 52 weeks' grocery bill..	45 98	
J. F. Axtell, medical attendance.....	11 00	
		<hr/> \$102 42
		<hr/> \$306 29

JANITOR'S ACCOUNT, TOWN HALL AND TRAMPS
ELMER H. KELLEY

Town Hall opened 27 times.....	\$40 50	
For rehearsals, 27 times.....	13 50	
		<hr/> \$54 00

JANITOR'S SERVICES

Hall opened, 27 times.....	\$27 00	
For rehearsals, 27 times.....	6 75	
Repairs on windows, 25c., snow bill, \$1.75	2 00	
Spring election, \$3.00; school meeting, \$1.00	4 00	
Opening Selectmen's room, 25c., school meeting, \$1.00.....	1 25	
10 hours on lawn, May 28-June 6.....	2 00	
High school graduation.....	1 00	
Special Town meeting.....	1 00	
Boy Scouts' work on lawn.....	75	
Opening Selectmen's room, Supervisors.....	50	
Primary meeting.....	5 00	
November election.....	5 00	
Cleaning lock-up.....	2 00	
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		\$58 25
81 tramps at 25c.....		20 25
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		\$78 50
		54 00
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Paid Elmer H. Kelley.....		\$24 50

JANITOR'S ACCOUNT TOWN HALL AND TRAMPS
JOHN SCOTT

Hall opened 8 nights.....	\$8 00	
Hall opened for 4 rehearsals.....	1 00	
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		\$9 00
Two panes glass.....	\$0 50	
89 Tramps at 15c.....	13 35	
Food for sick tramp.....	40	
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		14 25
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		\$23 25
Hall opened 8 times.....	\$12 00	
Hall opened 4 times, rehearsals.....	2 00	
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		\$14 00
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Paid John Scott.....		\$9 25

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid Harold C. Sargent, inventory blanks...	\$4 00
Amesbury Commercial Press, printing reports	43 12
I. M. Heath, postage on inventory blanks	3 18
G. L. Rowell, cleaning vault, Town Hall	1 00
D. F. Wilder, Treasurer of fire district: Fire district taxes in the hands of the Town Treasurer for the year, 1913..	204 34
E. H. Nichols, trip to Brentwood with William Taylor	3 00
Arthur E. Abbott, handcuffs	3 00
Eastman, Scammon & Gardner, advice.	5 00
E. C. Eastman, tax book and town warrants	1 80
E. C. Eastman, personal estate mort- gage book	7 62
F. W. Peabody, tuning piano	2 80
Chase Printing Co., order book receipts, tax bills and stationery	14 60
I. M. Heath, insurance Library building \$10, books, \$25; school house, \$14..	49 00
I. M. Heath, printing check list	8 00
Arthur E. Abbott, sowing grass seed and repairs on guide boards at Rowe's corner	1 65
Lottie Germundson, meals for Election Officers at primaries	12 50
E. Hayford & Sons, election booths . . .	26 00
C. H. Fellows, lawn seed	38
G. S. Rowe, horse hire for W. Taylor..	75
D. F. Battles, distributing town reports	4 75
J. P. Melzer, dog license book	1 50
Lottie Germundson, meals for Election Officers, November	15 00
J. W. Locke, care Lewis lot	1 50
J. W. Locke, care Fogg lot	1 50

Paid E. H. Nichols, postage .97, horse hire \$6.50	
telephone and express \$1.10, car fare	
\$4.08.....	\$12 65
C. E. Thornell, watering trough, 1914..	3 00
J. L. Pressey, watering trough, 1914....	3 00
J. F. Axtell, returning births and deaths	8 25
I. M. Heath, insurance on school buildings	14 00
G. D. Veal estate, watering trough, 1914	3 00
H. M. Green, driving and care hearse..	32 00
Hayford Battles, recording marriages,	
births and deaths.....	7 35
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	\$499 24

WIRING TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY

Paid Harry E. Moore.....	\$260 00
Edward Hayford & Son:	
Labor and stock for Hall stage.....	5 60
Forde & Luce:	
Plumber's bill for foot lights.....	15 00
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	\$280 60

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
Paid for the month of January.....	139 33
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	\$1,360 67

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Paid Clarence Kelley.....	\$21 25
G. H. Jefferson.....	12 50
C. E. Bodwell.....	24 68
Arthur A. Dow.....	17 53
Arthur E. Abbott.....	12 37
G. L. Rowell.....	12 96
Wilder & Son, horse hire.....	1 50
C. H. Fellows, pruner and brushes....	1 63
Samuel Cabot, Inc., creosote.....	5 83
B. & M. R. R., freight.....	69
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	\$110 94

RECAPITULATION

Schools.....	\$3,139 30
Highways.....	626 90
Snow bills.....	46 86
Soldiers' families.....	306 29
Town poor.....	148 22
Town officers.....	520 34
Town Hall.....	96 58
Brown tail and gypsy moths.....	110 94
Public library.....	200 00
Memorial Day.....	25 00
Miscellaneous.....	499 24
Janitors of Town Hall and tramp bills.....	33 75
Board of Health.....	88 25
Forest fires.....	58 75
Wiring Hall and Library.....	280 60
Street lights.....	139 33
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	\$6,320 35

STATE HIGHWAYS

Town appropriation.....	\$745 50
State appropriation.....	447 00
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	\$1,192 50

MAINTENANCE

Town.....	\$108 05
State.....	108 17
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	\$216 22

TRUST FUNDS

Rachel M. Fogg fund, Union Five Cents Savings Bank, Exeter, No. book 14408, Jan. 26, 1915.....	\$115 39
Albert E. Lewis fund, Institution for Savings, Ames- bury, Mass., No. book 34523, Jan. 29, 1915.....	\$103 58
Johanna Dalton fund, Haverhill Savings Bank, Dec. 24, 1914, No. book 53277.....	\$1,000 00
Section 13, Will of Annie S. Dalton, dated April 2, 1910:	
To the Town of Newton, N. H., I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) the same to be kept by said Town of Newton, in a separate fund to be known as the "Johanna Dalton fund" and the income thereof expended by the proper officials of the said Town for the poor people of that part of said Town known as "Newton Junction."	
Annie S. Dalton fund, Haverhill Savings Bank, No. book 53492. Income to be expended for the care of the Richard B. Hamor lot in the Highland "Ceme- tery".....	\$100 00

ABATEMENTS

1913.

Ceylon Elwell, taxed in Lowell, Mass.....	\$1 30
Charles P. Morrill.....	1 76

 \$3 06

1914.

Automobiles, E. Hayford & Son, taxed in Haverhill, Mass., and Exeter.....		\$188 60
George Crane, taxed Haverhill, Mass, poll..	2 00	
Elmer Rogers, taxed Haverhill, Mass., poll..	2 00	
John Fowler, over 70.....	2 00	
Erwin S. Wilder, taxed in Lynn, Mass., poll	2 00	
George Morse, taxed in Chester, poll.....	2 00	
Ceylon Elwell, taxed in Lowell, Mass., poll..	2 00	
Otto Shultz, dead, poll.....	2 00	
Burt Carter, dead, poll.....	2 00	

Everett Silloway, Boswell place at Newton Junction, one-third owned by Soldier's widow, Mrs. Fogg.....	11 20	
Charles Currier.....	1 23	
George H. Carter, over tax.....	82	
Oscar Hutchinson, left town.....	2 00	
Burt Locke, left town.....	3 23	
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		\$223 08
1914.		
Fire district abatements:		
E. Hayford & Son, automobile.....	\$12 68	
George H. Carter, over tax.....	06	
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		\$12 74

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1912.	DR.	
David F. Wilder, uncollected taxes.....	\$1 25	
	CR.	
Cash	\$1 25	
1913.	DR.	
David F. Wilder, uncollected taxes.....	\$6 96	
	CR.	
Cash	\$3.90	
Abatements,	3.06	
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		\$6 96
1914.	DR.	
David F. Wilder.....	\$8,756 34	
	CR.	
Abatements.....	\$223 08	
Discount.....	119 20	
Cash.....	8,414 06	
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		\$8,756 34

1914.	DR.	
David F. Wilder, fire tax.....		\$159 56

CR.

Abatements.....	\$12 74
Discount.....	2 81
Cash.....	144 01
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	\$159 56

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Cash on hand.....	\$630 80
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Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH H. NICHOLS,
SAMUEL GOULD,
ARTHUR E. ABBOTT,
Selectmen of Newton.

PUBLIC VENDUE

At the annual Town Meeting on March next immediately after the transaction of the regular business of the meeting, the town will sell all the lamps, brackets and oil lighting equipment belonging to said town.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

B. F. AUSTIN,
I. M. HEATH,

Auditors.

NEWTON, N. H., February 18, 1915.

Treasurer's Report

John E. Hayford, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Newton for year of 1914.

Dr.

Received from Treasurer of 1913.....	\$417 50
Selectmen.....	1,894 96
Collector of 1912.....	1 25
Collector of 1913.....	3 90
Collector of 1914.....	8,414 06
Collector, interest.....	8 86
Town Clerk for dog licenses.	188 35
Town Clerk on account of primary.....	6 00
A. W. Sargent, forest fire ac- count.....	47 41

\$10,982 29

Cr.

Paid State tax.....	\$864 00
County tax.....	764 57
Selectmen's orders.....	6,320 35

\$7,948 92

Total cash in my hands.....	\$3,033 37
Reserved for state road.....	\$745 50
Reserved for repairs on state road.....	108 05
Reserved for lighting fund of 1914.....	1,360 67
Dog license money of 1914.....	188 35
Working capital.....	630 80

\$3,033 37

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HAYFORD,

Treasurer.

Reports of Highway Agents

JAMES L. BARTLETT

J. L. Bartlett and team.....	\$109 50
A. W. Sargent, man and team.....	45 00
J. R. Bartlett.....	17 30
A. P. Hoyt.....	16 00
Frank Hastings.....	10 00
George Hatch.....	8 00
Arthur Abbott.....	9 50
E. H. Nichols.....	7 50
Archie Roy.....	4 00
	<hr/> \$226 80

J. E. WHIDDEN

J. E. Whidden.....	\$77 40
E. L. Kelley.....	47 10
George S. Rowe.....	6 75
George Greenlief.....	7 10
Joseph Brown.....	2 00
Charles Hill.....	16 00
Frank Cady.....	4 00
Charles Dart.....	60
Arthur Abbott.....	12 00
E. H. Nichols.....	9 00
	<hr/> \$181 95

E. C. DARBE

Paid C. Elwell.....	\$6 00
George Gilmore.....	6 07
M. Peaslee.....	8 00
A. Simes.....	1 75
C. Warner.....	12 25
L. Haskins.....	17 50
L. Merritt.....	1 75
A. Gould.....	1 75
S. Gould.....	3 50
E. C. Darbe, teams.....	71 50
	<hr/> \$130 07

Public Library

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

NEWTON, N. H., February 15, 1915.

To Trustees of Newton Public Library the following report is respectfully submitted.

Number of books in library.....	2,380 vols.
Number State papers	260 vols.
Amount collected in fines.....	\$1 08
Books loaned.....	2,828
Names on book.....	405

The officers of the Library wish to thank the unknown donor for one year's subscription for Harper s Weekly.

EDWIN G. KELLEY,
Librarian.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

DR.

Balance on hand from 1914.....	\$1 95
Received of John E. Hayford, Treasurer....	200 00
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	\$201 95

CR.

E. G. Kelley, Librarian.....	\$50 00
J. W. Locke, wood.....	4 60
Mathild M. Kelley, cataloguing books.....	21 00
Isabelle Rowell, cataloguing books.....	15 00
Elmer H. Kelley, labor.....	7 00
Sargent Coal Co., coal.....	7 50
Amesbury Commercial Press.....	86 00
Belle Kelley, cleaning library.....	2 00
Wilder & Son.....	7 45
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	\$200 55
Balance on hand.....	1 40
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	\$201 95

Lovering fund.....	\$169 56
Interest to February 1, 1915.....	6 82
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	\$176 38

DAVID F. WILDER,
ELMER H. KELLEY,
JOHN F. GERMUNDSON,
Trustees.

NEWTON, N. H., February 15, 1915.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Public Library and find them correct.

B. F. AUSTIN,
I. M. HEATH,
Auditors.

Town Clerk's Report

Dog licenses issued in 1914, 82	
Received for licenses.....	\$204 75
Reserved for fees.....	16 40
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	\$188 35
Received for fees at Primary Election.....	6 00
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	\$194 35
Paid John E. Hayford, Treasurer.....	\$194 35

HAYFORD BATTLES,
Town Clerk.

Report State Tax Commission, 1914

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislators and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was \$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent. in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent.

greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904.....	\$34,459.91
1905.....	286,590.14
1906.....	115,468.39
1907.....	411,257.46
1908.....	76,612.89
1909.....	539,995.97
1910.....	787,565.31
1911.....	215,848.50
1912.....	296,216.85
1913.....	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76; for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each

man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment, there was much in the payment. The fact is, that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

Report of School Board

TO THE CITIZENS OF NEWTON:

We respectfully call your attention to the following report.

Prominent features of school administration in Newton during the past fiscal year have been the service of new teachers who took the places of three that resigned; the installation of a steam heating apparatus in the grammar school building; the necessity of using a considerable portion of school funds to meet additional expense in the transportation of pupils attending the grammar school from Newton Junction, owing to the rearrangement of train service on the branch line of the Boston and Maine railroad; and the resumption of musical training.

Early in the school year the board adopted the plan of employing, so far as possible, when vacancies occur, normal school graduates as teachers, in order that the children of the town may have the benefit of the methods of instruction most approved in educational circles. Three vacancies did occur, through resignations. These were of Miss Faye A. Dame, who resigned her position in the grammar school to take up higher educational work, after two years' service; of Miss Alma B. Nichols, who resigned from the Junction school to accept the position in a model school at Wolfeboro; and of Miss Ruth M. Tuttle, who resigned as teacher of the Rowe's Corner school.

Obstacles were met with in the effort to secure a normal school graduate for each of these schools, and for only one, the Rowe's Corner school, was such a graduate secured. For this school Miss Marion E. McMaster, a graduate of the Lowell Normal School, was engaged. Under her the pupils have shown a marked improvement in their studies. For the grammar school the board was fortunate in securing Mrs. Ernest N. Seavey, who had formerly taught in the Newton schools, and her work has been very satisfactory. Because of the need of more thorough training in algebra of the pupils of the ninth

grade, to meet the entrance requirements of the Haverhill High School, Mrs. Seavey has given a course in this practically from the beginning of school in September, when she took charge.

To fill the vacancy that occurred at the Junction, through the resignation in the summer of Miss Nichols, Miss Angelia E. Kelly was engaged and she has worked efficiently. The board was glad to retain the services of Miss Marion E. Davis in the village primary school.

After a lapse of two years, instruction in music was resumed in the fall in all the schools, Mrs. O. E. Huse teaching this subject at the Junction school and Mrs. Harriet Bartlett at the other schools. The results have been entirely satisfactory and the pupils have shown a lively interest.

The board wishes to thank those parents who have assisted actively in maintaining discipline and bespeaks the continued co-operation of these, and the assistance of other parents in securing those desirable conditions that should surround young children gathered together for educational purposes. Such support has shown a renewed active interest in school welfare. More intimate acquaintance of parents with the schools will materially aid the teachers, and the board suggests that the parents plan to secure such acquaintance through occasional visits to the schools. The teachers welcome such visits. The board has found that they are anxious for the parents to see at first hand what they and the pupils are accomplishing.

The rearrangement of Boston and Maine trains deprived the grammar school pupils from the Junction of railroad service at hours convenient for school attendance and resulted in additional expenditure for transportation by team. Mr. James L. Bartlett was engaged to do this work and has served acceptably. When the change in trains was made a member of the board wrote in behalf of the board and of the school district a courteous letter to the proper official of the Boston and Maine, and, pointing out the additional financial burden the school district must assume if the new train schedule were enforced, urged that if possible the road give a service that

would be convenient for the children going to and from school. The board naturally expected at least an acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter. The railroad, however, had apparently gone away to hibernate. The silence in the direction of its main office has been very thick. No reply has come. The board is still waiting.

Dr. John F. Axtell, with the assistance of Dr. H. G. Leslie, medical examiner of the Amesbury, Mass., schools, under the medical inspection act adopted by the school district, examined all the children in the schools. As a result of this examination it was discovered that there were only 10 per cent. of the pupils who did not need some attention because of defective teeth, eyes or ears, or for other reasons.

The board wishes to call to the attention of the school district the proposed compulsory supervision of schools act and the teachers' pension bill, now before the legislature. The board hereby goes on record as favoring these bills, but in no way presumes to express the sentiments of the school district regarding them. However, the board suggests that a vote be taken at the annual school meeting on the question whether or not the representative in the legislature from Newton shall be requested to vote for these bills. Complete information regarding them is given in the annual report of the state superintendent of public instruction, which may be had on application to that official, Mr. H. C. Morrison.

The board hereby notifies the selectmen that they may assess the following sums for the ensuing year:

High School tuition.....	\$600 00
Books and supplies.....	150 00

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL A. BARTLETT,
OSCAR E. HUSE,
ELMER E. BUTLER,

School Board of Newton.

ORDERS ISSUED

Paid teachers' salaries.....	\$1,628 80
Janitors' salaries.....	238 55
High school tuition.....	347 00
text books.....	83 98
scholars' supplies.....	57 36
fuel	143 00
repairs	483 52
transportation of children	195 00
medical inspection	30 00
cleaning school houses and vaults....	27 75
school house supplies.....	15 08
flags and flag ropes.....	8 29
dictionary	7 50
enumeration.....	4 00
printing, postage and express.....	9 78
car fare, telephone, team and auto. hire	8 19
school officials.....	60 00
Treasurer.....	10 00
Auditors.....	2 00
Clerk.....	4 00
Moderator.....	2 00
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	\$3,365 80

NEWTON, N. H., February 18, 1915.

We have this day examined the accounts of the School Board of the Newton School district and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJAMIN F. AUSTIN,
IRVING M. HEATH,

Auditors.

TUITION PAID

Lorenzo Fuller, Haverhill High.....	\$40 00
Roland B. Battles, Haverhill High.....	40 00
Edgar C. Rowe, Haverhill High	40 00

Cecil A. Kimball, Haverhill High.....	\$40 00	
Eben Emery, Haverhill High.....	40 00	
Merrill A. Germundson, Haverhill High....	40 00	
Stacy B. Rowe, Haverhill High.....	40 00	
Ruth M. Currier, Haverhill High.....	40 00	
Helen Page, Merrimac High.....	15 00	
Ida E. Bartlett, Amesbury High.....	12 00	
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		\$347 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD

John E. Hayford, Treasurer of School Board:

DR.

Received from Treasurer, 1913.....	\$594 04	
Selectmen.....	3,139 30	
School Board.....	2 00	
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		\$3,735 34

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Paid orders School Board.....	3,365 80	
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Cash on hand.....	\$369 54	

We have this day examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer and find them properly cast and properly vouched for.

B. F. AUSTIN,
I. M. HEATH,

Auditors.

NEWTON, N. H., February 18, 1915.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	No. of term	Length in weeks	Wages per month	Whole No. pupils	Average Membership	No. of boys	No. of girls	No. not absent or tardy	Visits by School Board	Visits by others
Grammar.....	1	12	\$48.00	32	30	13	19	1	3	22
	2	11	52.00	39	38.1	17	22	12	4	13
	3	9	52.00	38	35.9	16	22	7	2	24
Village.....	1	12	40.00	31	30.91	16	15	12	3	27
	2	11	40.00	32	32	16	16	11	3	15
	3	9	40.00	32	31.6	16	16	7	1	2
Rowe's Corner.....	1	12	40.00	33	29.83	19	14	2	2	37
	2	11	40.00	29	27.56	19	10	7	6	20
	3	9	40.00	27	26.99	18	9	2	1	53
Junction	1	12	40.00	38	36.69	17	21	8	2	32
	2	11	40.00	37	36.50	20	17	8	2	27
	3	9	40.00	35	34.9	18	17	13	2	4

Honorable mention is given to Maude Thompson and Lila Woodbury, of the Village Primary School, and to Bernice I. Watson, Florence G. Watson, Charles R. Watson, Norman Darbe, Thomas J. McCarthy and Joseph McCarthy, of the Newton Junction School, who have not been absent or tardy this year.

The schools will remain in session three weeks longer, making thirty-five weeks in all.

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Newton
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the ninth day of March 1915, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.
8. To see how much the District will raise and appropriate for repairs.
9. To transact all other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newton this twenty-fifth day of January, 1915.

MABEL A. BARTLETT,
OSCAR E. HUSE,
ELMER E. BUTLER,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

MABEL A. BARTLETT,
OSCAR E. HUSE,
ELMER E. BUTLER,
School Board.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1914

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still- born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 1	Wilhelm	M	4	L	Tony Wiczack	Anna Wiczack	Austria	Austria.
Apr. 29	Vera L.	F	2	"	Glenroy A. Colby	Doris Thornell	Newton	Haverhill, Ms.
May 31	Barbara G.	"	1	"	William Stevens	Millie Gale	Newton	Newton.
June 11	Donald E.	M	1	"	George Leon Cheney	Agnes Ingalls	Plaistow	Newton.
June 11	Irene C.	F	3	"	Clarence Rogers	Alice Tracey	Merrimac, Ms.	Haverhill, Ms.
June 19	Greta Wilder	"	1	"	Edward B. Hadley	Esther Wilder	Mt. Vernon	Newton.
June 23		M	"	"	W. G. Battles	Ethel Currier	Londonberry	Newton.
July 15	Alonzo L.	"	1	"		Theresa Harriman		Merrimac, Ms.
July 27	Martha I.	F	1	"	C. R. E. Bodwell	Mabel Murray	Newton	Amesbury, Ms.
Aug. 30	Frances Olive	"	1	"	Perley Brewer	Stella Currier	Newton	Newton.
Aug. 31	Emma Abbie	"	2	"	C. J. Chrigstrom	Nellie Davis	Ellenburg, N. Y.	Haverhill, Ms.
Sept. 11	Leona A.	"	6	"	Andrew Simes	Abbie Tucker	Bragdon, Vt.	Kingston.
Sept. 11		"	5	"	Andrew Simes	Abbie Tucker	Bragdon, Vt.	Kingston.
Oct. 3	Philip A.	M	2	"	Harold B. Warren	H. G. Kidson	Cornish, Me.	Bangor, Me.
Nov. 19	Charles G., Jr.	"	3	"	Charles G. Tuck	Marion Atkins	Haverhill, Ms.	Haverhill, Ms.
Dec. 12	Frank C.	"	3	"	Frank Jones	Annie Cleaveland	Middleton	St. Johns, N. B.
Dec. 17	Grace M.	F	5	"	W. Durant	Elizabeth Burnham	New Brunswick	Haverhill, Ms.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1914

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 21	Atkinson	Elmer W. Estabrook Mertie Whittier	20 17	W "	Newton Newton	Edward T. Estabrook G. H. Edney Almon G. Whittier Nellie D. Smith	1st "	Rev. R. A. Goodwin, Atkinson.
Mar. 16	Portsmouth	Charles Hirsch Rose Wolk	23 20	W "	Newark, N. J. Lusk, Russia	Isaac Hirsch Ida Rosenblot Isaac Wolk Sarah Sudok	1st "	Harry Liberson, J. P., Portsmouth.
Mar. 21	Newton	Augustus E. Locke Alice L. Marshall	18 22	W "	Newton South Hampton	J. W. Locke Stella Richardson Richmond Marshall Lillian Heath	1st 2d	Rev. M. J. Honsberger, Newton.
Mar. 25	Amesbury, Ms.	Charles R. E. Bodwell Mabel K. Murray	27 19	W "	Newton Amesbury, Ms.	Henry Edmunds Martha Heath Charles E. Murray Anna I. Murray	1st "	Rev. A. H. Reed, Amesbury, Mass.
May 4	Newton	Isaiah Roundtree Ada Fitzallen	28 33	B "	North Carolina Lynn, Mass.	D. Roundtree Sally Daniel Oscar Fitzallen M. Fitzallen	2d 1st	I. M. Heath, J. P., Newton.
May 8	Newton	Albert Phillips Mae L. Drake	20 16	W "	Marlboro London, Eng.	I. A. Phillips Emma Walker Edward Drake	1st "	Rev. W. P. Richardson, Newton.

MARRIAGES Recorded in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1914

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
May 20	Newton	John B. Wallace Cora B. Austin	34 35	W "	Carthage, N. Y. Kensington	John B. Wallace Mary ——— B. F. Austin Emma Follett C. N. Murray	1st "	Rev. M. J. Honsberger, Newton.
Aug. 8	Newton	Charles N. Murray Alpaa E. Monson	22 18	W "	Haverhill, Ms. Boston, Ms.	Emma M. Nelson Anton Monson Anna Anderson George W. Hooper	1st "	Rev. M. J. Honsberger, Newton.
Nov. 12	Newton	Harry Hooper Helen E. Thurber	31 18	W "	Barnstead No. Sutton	Delia Tuttle Sidney Thurber Minnie Hazen Charles R. Quimby	2d 1st	I. M. Heath, J. P., Newton.
Nov. 24	Newton	C. Roland Quimby Lizzie D. Rowell	22 23	W "	Newton Newton	Ella Stoddard C. M. Rowell Effie Flora Day C. L. Hitchcock	1st "	Rev. W. P. Richardson, Newton.
Dec. 31	Newton	Roy C. Hitchcock Inez M. Townsend	27 32	W "	Haverhill, Ms. Patten, Me.	Laura ——— A. F. Darling Julia Howe	2d "	Rev. W. P. Richardson, Newton.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1914

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Feb. 2	Carrie A. Sanborn	47	1	22	Danville	F	W	M	Edmund P. Blake	Hannah A. Pearson
14	John E. Walker	54	3	8	Alton Bay	M	"	"	Jeremiah Walker	Mary J. Jones.
Mar. 24	Edward T. Estabrook	61	3	14	Newton	"	"	"	Adney Estabrook	Laura Carter.
April 19	Thomas C. Fleming	22	3	16	Lawrence, Ms.	"	"	S	Martin Fleming	Mary Cullina.
May 19	Lucy C. Stevens	79	11	29	Brookfield, Vt.	F	"	W	— — — Durkee	Hannah Durkee.
July 16	Otto J. Schultz	47	9	8	Brookline, Ms.	M	"	M	J. C. Schultz	Sophia H. Starke.
	Alonzo L. Harriman			1	Newton	"	"	F		Theresa Harriman.
Aug. 11	Herbert B. Richardson	54	6	4	Tunbridge, Vt.	"	"	M	Isaac Richardson	Elvira Perkins.
20	James S. Austin	79	4	20	Methuen, Ms.	"	"	W	Samuel Austin	Isabel Pecker.
28	Annie E. Thompson	44	3	8	Wolfboro, Pa.	F	"	M	John Keefe	Mary Kenney.
Sept. 2	George F. Randall	64			New Durham	M	"	M	Isaac Randall	Abigail Stars.
7	Bert F. Carter	32	3	26	Newton	"	"	"	Orin D. Carter	Sarah C. Pierce.
19	Mary E. Goodwin	75	14		Newton	F	"	"	Joseph Badger	Eliza Bartlett.
Oct. 7	Delia Hooper	68	10	11	Barnstead	"	"	"	Hanson Tuttle	Sally Mills.
27	Lenora E. Sanborn	82	11	7	Newton	"	"	W	Benjamin Carter	Sarah Blaisdell.
Nov 10	Coriella J. Currier	61	5	2	Orono, Me.	"	"	M	Charles Worthing	Mary Carpenter.
24	Sophia C. Currier	87	2		Newton	"	"	W	Abner Carter	
	Howard L. Fowler	29	8	24	Newton	M	"	S	Charles Fowler	Mary Badger.
Dec. 21	Martha L. Ruggles	55	9	4	Palmer, Mass.	F	"	W	John K. Knox	Ethina Fay.
26	Arthur W. Wilder	54	2	24	Nashua	M	"	M	Irwin D. Wilder	Sarah E. Kendall.
30	Ella C. Hayford	62	7	1	Newton	F	"	"	Lewis Bartlett	Caroline Boswell.

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